

A PALESTINE HORROR.

O. B. Sawyers Shoots His Wife Twice, Then Kills Himself, Dying Instantly.

"PRAY FOR ME AND MY POOR HUSBAND."

Sawyers said that he could no longer stand the disgrace awaiting him in his financial relations.

PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 4.—Yesterday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock one of the most horrible tragedies that ever occurred in this section took place at the residence of O. B. Sawyers. Mr. Sawyers shot his wife twice, one ball taking effect in the left breast above the nipple and ranging downward toward the hip. She lies at her residence in a precarious condition with very little hope of recovery. Immediately after the act he placed the smoking pistol to his own head and fired two shots, each taking effect and resulting in instant death. A neighbor, Mr. W. M. Lacy, ran across the street and ascertaining the trouble hastily summoned Dr. Jamieson and some neighbors. Mrs. Sawyers' wounds were dressed and the flow of blood stopped. Mr. Sawyers was one of the most prominent citizens of this city and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Knights and Ladies of Honor and Woodmen of the World, besides being secretary of several loan and building associations of this city. Financial trouble is supposed to be the cause of the rash act, as the statement of Mr. Lacy will indicate, and who says: "I was lying awake and heard the shots, which were not very loud on account of being in the house. They sounded more like something dropping than anything else. I lay for a minute or two listening, when I heard a scream and sprang up immediately and, putting on my clothes, ran into the street toward Mr. Sawyers' house. When I got to the gate Mrs. Sawyers, who was at one of the windows upstairs, called to me that Sawyers had killed himself and her too. I ran to Dr. Jamieson's, Mr. Billey's and Mr. Gorman's, and in a minute pushed open the door and rushed up the stairs to the bedroom, where we found Oscar Sawyers lying in a pool of blood, dead, with the revolver clutched in his hand. Mrs. Sawyers was standing by his side with blood oozing from her breast. We placed her upon the bed and stopped the flow of blood from the wounds, which entered the left breast above the nipple and came out in the small of the back. The suffering woman, thinking she was dying, told us the cause that led to the tragedy. She said: 'Pray for me and my poor husband. He told me he could not stand the disgrace sure to come on him and could not leave me to see it after he was dead, and before I could move or utter a word he shot me in the side. I sprang from the bed and he shot me again. I then knew he would shoot himself and sprang toward him to take away the pistol, but before I could he fired two shots at his head and fell upon the floor.'"

Ex-Officer in Jail.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 30.—Billy Knox, who was at one time a policeman and later a deputy constable, is alleged to have threatened to arrest and bring before the district judge Lee Chung Lung, a Chinese shopkeeper, for conducting an opium den if the Chinaman did not pay him \$20. The Chinaman gave Knox \$10 and promised to give him the rest next day. The grand jury investigated the case and indicted Knox, who is now behind the bars.

Gets Twenty-Five Years.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 2.—The trial of Bob Land, charged with the robbery of two farmer boys named Daniels, a few miles south of the city on September 16, last, as they were returning to their home near Hutchins from Dallas where they had sold a load of wheat, was concluded yesterday by the jury returning a verdict of guilty and assessing Land's punishment at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

Attempted Suicide.

HALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 1.—A man named Dohman, from Goliad, was brought in on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe train from Alvin yesterday afternoon suffering from serious cuts in his throat and on his arm. At the Sealey hospital it was learned that he had attempted to commit suicide. He made a second attempt on his life yesterday. Family troubles is given as the cause of his acts.

Overdose of Morphine.

PARIS, Tex., Dec. 1.—May Kelley, a woman residing in the quarter of town known as Boardtown, attempted suicide Wednesday by taking morphine, but by dint of hard work by her friends she failed to shuffle off the mortal coil.

Child Dies of Burns.

BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 1.—Wednesday last, before six miles west of here, the

18-months-old child of Lee Dulaney was burned to death. The mother and grand mother had stepped out into the yard and had been absent but a few moments when the child ran out of the house with its clothes enveloped in flames. The little one with its hands uplifted and screaming with agony ran toward its distracted mother, who rushed to the rescue. Regardless of the flames she endeavored to tear off its clothes, but all being new it was some time before the flaming garments were removed, and by that time the little one was fatally burned. It lingered in great agony until yesterday morning, when it died. Mrs. Dulaney was badly burned while endeavoring to save her little one. The child's clothes caught from the fireplace.

A Mysterious Affair.

MINCOOLA, Tex., Dec. 2.—A shingle was found by Mr. S. E. Cooper, agent of the Texas and Pacific railway, in a C. B. and N. box car No. 1160, on which was written with a lead pencil the following: "Whoever finds this shingle will please notify Mrs. Lula Smith, corner of Twenty-eighth and Church, Galveston, that her husband, Charlie Smith's body is in the Sabine river, between Mincoola and Longview, because to be without her was my death, for she was all I had to live for. Don't fail to notify her."

CHARLIE SMITH.

"P. S. Send telegram card to Jerry Jordan, chief of police, Galveston. The car came to Mincoola Nov. 30. The shingle was found by the yard clerk, J. L. Graham, and given to Mr. Cooper, the agent, yesterday evening. The telegram from Mincoola conveying the shingle death message of Charlie Smith to his wife at Galveston, identifies the woman who died in this city November 13, and adds interest to the tragedy. The address given is 'Twenty-eighth and Church streets.' To this address came a telegram from Mincoola the morning her body was found, November 14, to Lula Smith, as follows: 'Leave Mincoola to-day. Will send you ticket on arrival. Write.' What reply was sent, if any, is not known, but on November 13, Lula Smith, to whom the Mincoola shingle message was directed, ended her life and sealed the mysterious mutual sorrow that has engulfed two lives."

A Peace Officer Shot.

FOURKEY, Tex., Nov. 30.—About 5 o'clock yesterday evening Justice I. S. Wood was in the drug store of Royal & Spence, conversing with Howard Turk. John Bell approached unnoticed and commenced firing at Squire Wood. Three balls took effect, one entering the mouth and coming out under the chin, one entered the stomach and the other penetrating the left hand. After discharging his pistol Bell retreated. The squire, realizing that he was too badly hurt to attempt Bell's arrest, handed his pistol to Howard Turk, who, after a running fight during which several shots were exchanged, captured Bell a short distance from the store. Bell was taken in charge by several citizens. Excitement ran high and but for the prompt action of cool heads the prisoner would have been summarily dealt with. Squire Wood will probably die, as the physicians say there is only a shadow of hope for his life. John Bell, the prisoner was arrested Wednesday in connection with the shooting of Charlie Route. Tuesday, Bell was released later and since then has been abusive and in bad temper. He has only resided here a short while and very little is known of him. Bell, it is reported, has been spirited away to Kaufman by the officials, who are apprehensive for the safety of the prisoner.

Killed and Body Hid.

CALVERT, Tex., Dec. 1.—A negroess, Sarah Jane Miller, living on the Little Brazos, who had been separated from her husband for the past three years, and was living with Buck Smith, desired to return to her husband, but Smith objected. The result was that Smith struck her on the head with an ax, killing her instantly. He then placed the body on his shoulder and carried it to the Little Brazos, placing it in a skiff and deposited it in the middle of the river. The negroes in the bottom arrested Smith and held him until the officers were notified, who brought him here and placed him in jail. The inquest developed the above facts. The killing occurred Wednesday night. The body has not been recovered.

Cut in the Neck.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 30.—F. Hurst, who runs a saloon on the northeast corner of Main street and the railroad, was cut in the neck and probably fatally wounded last night about 11 o'clock in his place of business. John Coper is under arrest charged with assault to murder Hurst. When Coper was brought to the police station a bloody knife was in his possession.

Too Much Morphine.

WALLER, Tex., Dec. 2.—G. Shultz, a prominent citizen, died Thursday night from an overdose of morphine. He leaves a wife and nine children in good circumstances.

A GENERAL BRIEVARY.

Interesting Items from All Over the World Selected from Various Sources.

A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW,

Embracing Serious and Sensational Happenings, and Current News Covering Many Topics of Interest to All Readers.

Enoch Hogate, Grand Master, in his recent report to the Grand Lodge, said that there was due to the Grand Lodge by T. P. Haughey, President of the suspended Indianapolis National bank and late grand treasurer of the I. O. O. F. of Indiana, \$42,366.87; that securities surrendered by Mr. Haughey to secure the Grand Lodge have a prospective value of \$45,250, but the future can only develop what can be realized.

A shooting affray took place recently near Thackerville, I. T., at a brush dance. Louis Monty was shot under the left eye, the ball passing through coming out behind the ear and striking a bystander in the breast knocking him down. The attending physician said there was some chance for Monty's recovery. After the shooting the dance proceeded.

The report of the postmaster general shows that the deficiency for the year ended June 30, 1898, was \$5,177,171 instead of \$1,552,428 as estimated by Mr. Wanamaker, and instead of a surplus of \$372,245 for the current fiscal year, as estimated by Mr. Wanamaker, there will be an estimated deficit of \$7,830,479.

The Baptist ladies of Kirksville, Mo., recently gave an "experience party" where each one related how she earned a sum of money for the church. The prize "experience" was awarded to a couple of young ladies who sawed a half cord of wood into neat and convenient lengths for the stove.

Princess Colonna, a daughter of Mrs. John Mackay of San Francisco, has brought suit for divorce at Paris, France, against her husband, Prince Ferdinand Gallatere Colonna. She charges him with numerous acts of adultery and general profligacy. She also asks for her three children.

The Newton (Massachusetts) Worsteds company has formally notified its 500 operatives that the reduction of the tariff by the proposed new law will make it absolutely necessary to reduce wages or stop the mills. The mills have been operated fourteen years without interruption.

The statehood convention recently held at Kingfisher, Okla., was largely attended. They passed a resolution declaring for pre-emption rights, a residence of five years to perfect title, and appointed four delegates to go to Washington and lobby for the passage of the bill.

At Chicago, Ill., a man supposed to be W. Ratney, of New York city, was drowned in the river recently. He was walking against a driving rain with his head down and walked off the abutment of the Randolph street bridge.

The Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge company recently filed a mortgage to the United States trust company of New York and the Union trust company of Indianapolis to cover a bond issue of \$5,000,000.

T. V. Powderly's resignation as grand master workman of the Knights of Labor was accepted. J. R. Sovereign of Iowa was elected to succeed him and an entirely new executive board was chosen.

The discovery of gold near Phoenix, Ariz., on Camp creek, has recently been made. It is a large ledge of gold ore two feet thick assaying \$1500 a ton. Two Colorado miners developed the discovery.

Idaho and Montana copper mining camps continue to increase their output. The Lovelock mine, which was closed down some months ago, resumes work this week with a force of thirty miners.

One man killed, one fatally and others seriously injured is the result of a Mississippi Valley railway gravel train coming in contact with a tie across the track near Luther, Ia., recently.

A report has been circulated that Logan Carlisle will resign the chief clerkship of the treasury department and be succeeded by his brother, Win. K. Carlisle. Mr. Carlisle denies the report.

Como, Colo., people, who live in sight of coal mines complain because they have to pay \$4.50 a ton for coal while the same coal is hauled to Denver and sold at \$1 less per ton.

At Phoenix, Ariz., contractors are employing all men who make application to work on the railroad being built from Phoenix to Prescott. Idle men are scarce in Arizona.

A charge that two of the jurors had been bribed by the defense brought the Coughlin trial for the murder of Cronin, at Chicago, to an abrupt end for the present.

Missouri is first in rice and first in mules.

Governor Jones of the Choctaw nation has appealed to the government for protection from the lobby sharks who are making such inroads on the funds of the nation.

Montana military posts now contain 1746 soldiers, distributed at the following posts: Assiniboine, 182; Keogh, 450; Custer, 415; Missoula, 195; Poplar, 190.

Corn husking machines are being introduced in some portions of Missouri and are said to be a great success. It looks like the husking peg must go as fast.

A 6-year-old daughter of Edward Butler was burned to death in her father's store at Uniontown, Pa., recently, by her clothes catching fire from a stove.

At Ridgeville, O., recently, Herman Harrows, aged 68, shot his wife, aged 30, and then placed a revolver to his head and sent a bullet through his own brain.

President Cleveland settled the Chicago postoffice controversy by nominating Wash Hering, thus knocking out Frank Lawler with his big petition.

A crisis exists in the Spanish cabinet and the ministry is likely to resign, on account of differences in regard to the war with the Moors.

Helen Davery Ward, the actress, has been granted a divorce from John Montgomery Ward, the baseball player, by a New York court.

George M. Beeson, a well-known Wilmington, Del., butcher, aged 45, dropped dead at his home a few nights since of heart disease.

An expectant youngster of Golden City, Mo., recently mailed a letter at that place addressed to "Mister Santy Klaus, North Pole."

Mrs. Gatlin, postmistress of Meyersville, Mo., has been sentenced to fifteen months in the state prison for robbing the mails.

A Jefferson county, Kansas, farmer has made 5000 gallons of sorghum molasses this season and has sold it at 30 cents a gallon.

An Adair county, Mo., man thinks he has the banner cornfield of the state. From sixteen acres he gathered 1560 bushels.

The shipment of 8,000,000 bushels of coal to Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans was recently made from Pittsburg, Pa.

Beet pulp is selling at \$1.25 per ton at the Utah sugar factory. The bounty paid by the government is \$1 per ton.

In Lincoln county, Nevada, fish placer gold discoveries have recently been made about 130 miles from Pioche.

Under the extension of the Geary act all Chinamen who have previously registered will be required to do so again.

Arizona Democrats are making a fierce war upon Governor Hughes, recently appointed by President Cleveland.

Officers of the wrecked National bank of Indianapolis, Ind., have been indicted by the United States grand jury.

A dispatch from Lemberg, Austria, says that Prince Adam Labomirsky, while hunting in the forests, fell dead.

Las Animas county, Colo., pays a per capita tax of \$4 annually in taxes to sustain its county government.

At Mintonville, Ky., Charles Minton was shot and killed by Joseph Tartar recently in a quarrel at a dance.

James B. Roosevelt has resumed his duties as secretary of the United States embassy in London.

In one night recently three iron safes were blown open by burglars in the town of Foster, Mo.

Myron King killed his wife and then committed suicide at Grand Rapids, Mich., a few days since.

A rumor is extant that the land office at Guthrie, Okla., will soon be removed to El Reno.

Waterville, Kan., uses more coal oil than beer. Waterville should be a well-lighted village.

A Marshall, Mo., man recently rode eighty-two miles on a bicycle in six hours and a half.

The crisis in regard to the French cabinet is over, and a new cabinet is being formed.

A Hutchinson, Kan., barber, strictly prohibits cigarette smoking in his shop.

A severe earthquake shock was experienced recently at Montreal, Canada.

Ex-Gov. John J. Jacobs fell dead recently at Wheeling, W. Va.

Denver, Col., is to have a poultry show from January 14 to 20.

A Utah man carried off the World's fair prize for the best wagon.

Gophers are playing havoc in Holt county, Missouri, this fall.

The name of the state auditor of Colorado is Goodyskoontz.

Gentry county, Mo., boasts of a 150 pound pumpkin.

Coloradans drink elder made in Connecticut.

TEXAS CONDENSATIONS

Collected and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Dailies of the State.

A MIRROR OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Happenings, Crosses, Stock, Improvements, and Items of General Interest Rendered Readable and Entertaining.

There is an English settler at Abilene possessed of almost human intelligence. He tries to do everything he sees people do. He rings the door bell, and when admitted greets his master with a bark. A number of ladies were performing on the piano some days since, and when they left Geronimo's master was surprised by hearing the overture to "Post and Payant" beautifully rendered. He went to the parlor and to his surprise found Geronimo at the piano about to begin "Liza's Seventh Rhapsody."

Press Standifer was recently found dead near Meridian, Bosque county. The verdict of the inquest was that, deceased came to his death by the accidental discharge of his gun while chasing a deer. Part of his left hand was torn away and there were twelve buckshot in his side. His horse, gun and three dogs were found near the body, where they had evidently remained for thirteen hours. The deceased leaves a wife and five small children.

A telegram has been received at the war department from Brig. Gen. Wheaton, commanding the military department of Texas, confirming the belief that the alleged Mexican trouble is more visionary than real. Gen. Wheaton says: "It is quite certain, and it has been admitted by the Mexican authorities, that no parties of armed men have crossed into Mexico from the American side."

The governor recently telegraphed the members of the live stock commission at Galveston and Corpus Christi, at the request of County Judge Von Rosenberg, to come to Austin to investigate an epidemic prevailing among horses and mules in that county. Local veterinary surgeons cannot agree whether or not it is glanders.

At Dallas a few days since the jury in the case of the Sisters of Mercy against the Missouri Pacific railway company for destruction of goods shipped from Carthage, Mo., to Dallas, after deliberating nearly eighteen hours, returned a verdict giving judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$3631. The amount sued for was \$7253.

Manning Davis was convicted in the federal court at Paris a few days since of the murder of John Hodding in Eagle county, Choctaw nation, December 26, 1891. The evidence showed that Hodding was stabbed to death in the presence of his wife, who was on her knees begging for her husband's life.

A freight train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas was wrecked recently six miles west of West Point, Fayette county. A brakeman named Snyder was instantly killed and Conductor Reeves and Car Repairer Brown injured. The wreck was caused by oil tank breaking down.

A train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway ran through a bridge near Rosanky, in Bastrop county, recently, injuring the engineer in the side, back and chest, breaking two ribs. The fireman and a brakeman were also injured.

For \$50 per month the county of Williamson has rented 300 acres of land from Sheriff Brookshire to be used for pasturing the road oxen during the winter months. On account of heavy roads the teams are given a holiday during cold weather.

Williamson county has purchased of A. J. Swanson and G. E. Munson ninety-six acres of land as an addition to the county poor farm. The land lays adjoining the county farm, a mile from Georgetown. The consideration was \$2905.

At Trinity, Trinity county, recently several shots were fired in the Johnson restaurant and a colored man named Adams was found to have stopped two of the bullets, but who did the shooting is a mystery.

Attorney-General Culberson has appointed Allen Mayfield of Sherman as his third assistant in place of Mr. R. L. Batts, who was elected by the board of regents assistant law professor in the State University.

The comptroller has just registered and purchased \$2500 of Hamilton county bonds for the school fund and also registered \$7500 bonds of Jefferson county and purchased \$1500 of them for the same account.

Dave Harden, living three miles from Granger, Williamson county, was fooling with a slaxshooter recently and let it fall to the floor. It was discharged, the bullet passing through his bowels and left lung.

Two victims of the explosion at the town of Minerva, in Webb county, recently, caused by a Mexican woman placing an old can of blasting power on the hearth to melt the solder of tin, have died.